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REMARKS

In the Advisory Action, the proposed amendments dated January 28, 2004 have not been entered, because Claims 5, 6, 9, 13, 14, and 15 raise new issue. More specifically, the Examiner states that Claims 5 and 13, Claims 6 and 14, and Claims 9 and 15 appear to be duplicate. Accordingly, Claims 13, 14, and 15 have been canceled herein. Thus, the new issue is no longer at issue, and Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and reconsider the present application.

Claims 11 and 20-22

Claims 11 and 20-22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in the previous Office action. Accordingly, Claims 11 and 20-22 have been rewritten and amended, thereby obviating this objection.

Claims 3-9, 12, and 16-19

Claims 3-9, 12, and 16-19 as amended herein are dependent ultimately on Claim 11. Thus, these claims also should be allowable.

Claims 23-26

Claims 23-26 have been allowed.

CONCLUSION

In light of the Applicant's foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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